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PREFACE.

Owing to unforeseen difficulties connected with the preparation of the minutes, the appearance of this Part has been delayed beyond the time at which it was intended it should appear. It is, however, as early as any volume has ever appeared before, and the Secretary confidently hopes to bring out future issues in good season.

This Part is sent to all whose names appear on last year's list of members. This experiment will not be repeated, and the parts hereafter will only be sent to those who have paid their annual dues. If the Society had a larger income, many improvements in its Proceedings could be made, and in order to secure the full benefit of the changes already proposed, prompt payment of the annual dues is essential. The Secretary will offer in a later Part some views as to these changes, their purposes and possible results.

Attention is called to the announcement on the outside of cover as to the place of meeting next year, and also to the index.

All members will observe that the succeeding Parts for the year of publication will be paged continuously to form one volume when bound, as heretofore. The present cover may then be torn off and the usual table of contents, list of members, etc., will appear with the last Part.

Reference is made to the last special circular for the names of new members.

WM. H. SEAMAN, *Secretary.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *November* 4, 1892.